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Dear County Directors of Social Services and Local Purchasing Agencies

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Attention: Directors of County Departments of Social Services
Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies
Child Care Coordinators
Other DSS Personnel who work with the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program

Subject: New Maximum Income Eligibility Limits

The purpose of this Dear County Director Letter is to communicate changes in the maximum gross monthly income limits for subsidized child care assistance. The new income eligibility limits will become effective July 1, 2021 and will be used to determine eligibility for families applying for assistance on or after July 1st. In addition, the revised limits apply to families currently receiving assistance whose annual redetermination of eligibility occurs on or after July 1, 2021. The new limits will also apply to families who report income changes on or after July 1st. These changes are captured in the attached chart.

For current cases already entered into NC FAST, a bulk reassessment will be completed by NC FAST staff prior to July 1st. This reassessment will identify cases that are currently in Graduated Phase Out (GPO) but the change in income limits puts them at or below the new FPL limits. A report will be generated identifying these cases for county case workers and a notice will need to be sent to these families letting them know that they are no longer in GPO. At the end of the certification periods for these identified cases, a recertification packet will be mailed to them.

If you have questions about the information in this letter, or other Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program questions, please contact dcdee.subsidy.policy.help@dhhs.nc.gov to reach technical assistance and policy consultation.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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